

Mount Vernon

Community & Economic Development Department

Who We Are and What We Do For You!



CITY OF MOUNT VERNON MISSION STATEMENT: *We provide professional, efficient services to create a lifetime positive difference for our Community.*

OUR DEPARTMENT:

The Community & Economic Development Department (CEDD) proactively works to strengthen Mount Vernon's economy, maintain a business-friendly environment, and an overall quality of life for residents and visitors to enjoy. CEDD is structured to accommodate all aspects of development activity, as well as code compliance and community planning, while working with neighborhoods, businesses and our other public partners to enhance the economic prosperity, vitality and the overall quality of life of our community.

CEDD PROVIDES:

- Public information regarding land use, building, utility and zoning regulations;
- Free preliminary project review;
- Streamlined Permit Review;
- Timely Inspections;
- Code Compliance;
- Strategic and Community Planning;
- On-line service and information; and,
- Friendly, Personal Service.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, YOUR BUSINESS MATTERS:

Economic development and business success is a priority in Mount Vernon so you will find that the CEDD is focused on cultivating a healthy and vibrant economic climate in the City of Mount Vernon. We strive to maintain and grow a diversified tax base that supports strong employment opportunities, while positioning Mount Vernon to compete in the national marketplace.

Comprehensive, friendly assistance is available to businesses at every stage of development and growth, whether just starting up, expanding or relocating to the City. Our customer services are designed to streamline doing business in Mount Vernon and are free and confidential.

PERMITTING AND REGULATORY ASSISTANCE:

Whether you are opening a business, expanding or moving to a new location in Mount Vernon, the CEDD staff will work closely with you to cut through red tape and help you navigate through the permitting and regulatory process. As part of this assistance, we can organize a Pre-Application Meeting (Pre-App), one of our most successful “one-stop shop” tools. The Pre-App meeting brings you to the table with staff from every City department involved in providing permits and approvals to get your business open and operating.

COMMITTED TO EXCEPTIONALLY EFFICIENT AND STREAMLINED SERVICE:

- Dependable technical information and practical solutions;
- Our services are predictable, efficient and understandable;
- Single-family building plan review completed within one week;
- Commercial civil and building plan review within 2-4 weeks;
- Over the counter building permit review of non-complex commercial tenant improvements;
- Inspections within 24 hours;
- Minor land use permit review within 4-6 weeks; and,
- Major land use permit review within 12 -16 weeks.

“In our 48 years of operating and running farm and ranch stores in the Pacific Northwest, Mount Vernon is hands down the most helpful and cooperative city effort we’ve ever experienced.”

— Buzz Wheeler, Owner & President of Coastal Farm & Ranch

“In 16 years of building Starbucks around the world, working in Mount Vernon was our best experience ever. I’m so impressed with the City’s ability to quickly make decisions and willingness to help. They make the extraordinary happen.”

— Matt Lessard, Wilcox Construction

